



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoji MIZUTANI et al.

Application No.: 10/617,812

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Examiner: K. A. Moore

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Confirmation No.: 4175

For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, the period for response being extended to November 3, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-21, 23, 24 and 27-32 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 22, 25 and 26 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 19 is amended and claims 31 and 32 are added. Claims 1-18 and 30 are withdrawn from further consideration.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)